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Fall-Winter, 2003-04



Increased Licensing Fees

Licensing and renewal fees increased July 1, 2003. This was the first increase in the licensing and renewal fees for veterinarians since 1995 and the first increase for RVT and premises registration and renewal fees since 1992.

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| Veterinarian licensing fee | \$200 | to | \$225 for two years |
| RVT registration fee | \$ 50 | to | \$ 75 for two years |
| Premises registration fee | \$ 50 | to | \$100 for one year |

We Need Hospital Inspectors

The Board is seeking hospital inspectors for northern California. Inspectors perform routine and complaint related inspections for veterinary hospitals. Individuals must hold a current California license to practice veterinary medicine, and have at least five years clinical practice experience and knowledge of state laws and standards of the practice. Call the Board for more information.

2003 Veterinary Medicine Practice Act

This publication contains current laws from the Business & Professions Code, the California Code of Regulations, the Health & Safety Code and various other references pertaining to the practice of veterinary medicine. Includes a comprehensive index, and the Radiation Safety Guide and self test.

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News & Views Newsletter on the Web

Until the State's budget crisis is resolved, the Board's newsletter, *News & Views* will be published on the website. As funding is available, copies will be distributed also by mail.

The newsletter contains topics such as:

- Consultant's Corner
- Disciplinary Actions
- Examinations
- Executive Officer's Update
- Inspection Program
- Legislation & Regulations
- Licensing

Check out the website at www.vmb.ca.gov.



Separate Surgery Room Requirement Takes Effect January 1, 2004

Effective January 1, 2004, all fixed (non-mobile) veterinary premises are required to have a separate and distinct surgery room for aseptic surgeries. Hospital Inspectors will be verifying compliance with the law beginning in 2004.

Check the Board's website for further information on the separate surgery room requirement.

Animal Injury Reporting Requirements for Rodeo Veterinarians

The California Penal Code, Section 596.7(d)(2) requires veterinarians providing health care services at professional rodeos, either as an attending or on-call veterinarian, to submit a brief written report to the Veterinary Medical Board within 48 hours of the conclusion of the rodeo.

A report is required anytime an animal injury warrants veterinary medical care. The report should list the title and date of the rodeo, the name of the attending veterinarian, and a brief description of the injury. Two such reports have been made so far in 2003.

For questions about reporting requirements, contact the Veterinary Medical Board or the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association at 719-528-4794.

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